

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated May 6, 2004, having a shortened statutory period set to expire August 6, 2004. In the present Amendment, claims 1, 6-7, 9-11, 13, 18, 23-24, 26-27, and 30 have been amended and claims 2-5, 12, 19-22, and 29 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 6-11, 13-18, 23-28, and 30-34 are now pending with previously dependent claims 6, 23, 11, 28, 13, and 30 having been rewritten in independent form.

Claim Rejections:

Claims 1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 10, 12, 18, 19, 20, 22, 26, 27, and 29 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 5,978,937, issued to *Miyamori*. Applicant notes with appreciation the indicated allowability of claims 4, 6-8, 11, 13-17, 21, 23-25, 28, and 30-34 as objected to as depending from rejected base claims but including limitations that overcome the prior art when combined with all features of the claims as a whole.

In view of the Examiner's indicated basis for claims 4 and 21 being allowable, independent claims 1 and 18 have been amended as set forth above to incorporate the limitations of claims 4 and 21, respectively, as well as all intervening claims. Claims 6 and 23 have been rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of independent claims 1 and 18, respectively, as well as all intervening claims in view of the Examiner's indicated basis for claims 6 and 23 being allowable. Claims 11 and 28 have been rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of independent claims 1 and 18, respectively, as well as all intervening claims in view of the Examiner's indicated basis for claims 11 and 28 being allowable. Similarly, claims 13 and 30 have been rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of independent claims 1 and 18, respectively, as well as all intervening claims in view of the Examiner's indicated basis for claims 13 and 30 being allowable.

The foregoing claims amendments have increase the number of independent claims from two to eight. Please charge the \$430.00 fee believed required for the additional independent claims to **IBM Corporation Deposit Account Number 09-0447**. No fee for an extension of time is believed required in submitting this amendment. If an extension is required, however, please charge the requisite fees to the **IBM Corporation Deposit Account Number 09-0447**.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney of record at (512) 343-6116 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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